

Remarks

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed March 11, 2004. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 8-14 and 21. Although Applicants believe all claims are allowable over the prior art of record, to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-7, 15-20, and 22.

Conclusion

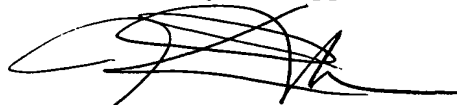
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to call Kevin J. Meek, attorney for Applicants, at 214.953.6680.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$110 for a one-month extension of time. Applicants believe no other fees are due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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